



The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner



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The Honorable Naida L. Kaen, Chairman  
House Science, Technology, and Energy Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 304  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 751 relative to biodiesel road toll revenue

Dear Chairman Kaen and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) is pleased to offer testimony on proposed House Bill 751, which requires the Department of Safety road toll administrator to estimate the road toll paid on biodiesel used for off-road purposes and pay that amount into a biodiesel development fund. DES supports the goal of the bill to promote and increase the use of biodiesel in the state.

Biodiesel is a renewable, domestically produced diesel fuel that reduces criteria air pollutants (ozone precursors, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide) as well as green house gas emissions. Increased use of biodiesel also supports Governor Lynch's 25 X 25 initiative that seeks to have 25% of the energy used in New Hampshire come from renewable energy sources by 2025. Meeting this goal will most certainly entail increasing the use of biodiesel in transportation, home heating, and stationary sources.

DES currently implements a small biodiesel incentive program using annual funding from the Office of Energy and Planning (approximately \$20,000 annually) and can point directly to several of the funded projects as the impetus for others to decide to use biodiesel for their own purposes. Therefore, DES feels the strategy and outcome of this program has been successful. Other sources of funding would allow DES to continue and expand this program. However, DES defers to the legislature to determine if the road toll is an appropriate source of funding for this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Should you have further questions or need additional information please feel free to contact Robert R. Scott, Director, Air Resources Division (271-1088, [rscott@des.state.nh.us](mailto:rscott@des.state.nh.us)) or Rebecca E. Ohler, Supervisor, Mobile Source Planning (271-6749, [rohler@des.state.nh.us](mailto:rohler@des.state.nh.us)).

Sincerely,

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